

PALMER IN DOUBT ON UNTERMYER'S FAITH

Says He Caused Enmity by
Seizing Property of Lawyer's
Enemy Alien Friends.

GOT A THREAT LONG AGO

Former Custodian Cites Fig-
ures to Deny Charge of
Patronage in Office.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer in a formal statement to-day challenged the good faith of Samuel Untermyer in charges made by the latter last night against the conduct of the Department of Justice and the Alien Property Custodian's office.

Mr. Palmer declared he welcomed an investigation and that his successor as Alien Property Custodian, Francis P. Garvan, he was sure, likewise welcomed the fullest investigation. He recited alleged attempts of Mr. Untermyer to use influence and then threats in behalf of his friends and clients while representing them before the department.

Chief Moran of the Secret Service entered emphatic denials of the allegations of Mr. Untermyer with respect to that service. He said Mr. Untermyer was confused and that the Secret Service had nothing to do with the matters complained of.

Statement by Palmer.

Attorney-General Palmer's statement says:

"I have just seen an account of the speech of Samuel Untermyer criticizing the administration of the Department of Justice during the last eight years and my administration of the office of Alien Property Custodian.

"While Alien Property Custodian it was my business to take over all the enemy-owned property in this country. This did not please Mr. Untermyer, who on many occasions protested against my course, and whose requests on behalf of his clients and friends I was repeatedly compelled to deny. On one occasion in the office of the Alien Property Custodian in Washington Mr. Untermyer ended an interview by a threat of just the sort of attacks which he has made upon me since. He declared he had hoped for my sake that I would act otherwise in the matter then pending, for," he said, "you ought to be more careful about opposing the wishes of men with bitter tongues and vitriolic pens."

"Mr. Untermyer's criticism of the Alien Property Custodian's office is chiefly a criticism of the act of Congress under which the Custodian operated. He never approved of the taking of enemy property as a war measure, much less the sale of it to American citizens as authorized by law.

"His allegation of the use of patronage in that office for political purposes, concededly based upon rumors, is wholly without warrant or justification in fact. This charge has been made before and I filed with a committee of Congress a list of the names of the directors and attorneys appointed by me to serve the corporations whose enemy-owned stock I had taken over, and this list showed that 85 per cent. of them were Republicans. Many of them served entirely without compensation, and such of them as were paid received their pay from the enemy property which they managed.

Properties Well Managed.

"These properties were uniformly managed with signal success by the

American directors so appointed. They were, of course, compelled to pay attorneys' fees, but in no case was any charge made against enemy property except for actual legal service rendered at the rate and frequently far below the rate then prevailing in the community where the property was situated.

"No property was sold except at public auction to the highest bidder and unless the character of the purchaser, the amount of the purchase price and the expenses connected therewith first received the approval of an advisory sales committee consisting of Judge George L. Ingraham, Cleveland H. Dodge, Otto T. Bannard, Ralph Stone and Benjamin H. Griswold.

"Not even Mr. Untermyer, I think, would have the temerity to charge that committee with improper conduct.

"When the investigation of the New York building trade situation was proposed I did not fall in with Mr. Untermyer's plan to the extent of designating him as special Assistant Attorney-General, but I did direct the department's representatives in New York to co-operate with him and appointed Mr. Rand and Mr. Kresel special assistants for that purpose.

"As to the charge that the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice did little except to rely on the British secret service, I had nothing to do with the conduct of this department during that period.

"How far Mr. Untermyer is actuated in his present attack by the recent conviction of his friend and former associate, a member of the New York bar, for conspiracy to violate the trading with the enemy act, in a case in which Mr. Untermyer very earnestly pressed me to withhold action at the beginning, I do not know."

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CALDER COAL BILL SHARPLY ATTACKED

Federal Regulation Plan De-
nounced by J. D. A. Morrow
Before Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Provisions of the Calder bill for Federal regulation of the coal industry were denounced as "revolutionary" in their application to existing relations of American Government and industry" by J. D. A. Morrow, president of the National Coal Association to-day before the Senate manufacturing committee.

Another witness, Huston Thompson, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, appearing late in the day, however, began an endorsement of the measure which was cut short by adjournment until to-morrow, when he will resume.

Mr. Morrow's stand was far from being unchallenged by members of the committee. When he remarked that the committee "between three days" was passing upon a proposal for price fixing and a measure that was "barely short of nationalization of coal mines" Senator Jones, Democrat (N. M.), retorted that members of the committee had "spent months and years in study of the situation."

When Senator Walsh, Democrat (Mass.), raised the question of high prices paid in New England for coal last year, suggesting that the Government and the industry had failed to cure the difficulty "by placing an embargo on export coal, as Great Britain did," Mr. Morrow countered with the assertion that New England was a manufacturing district and that "coal producers are willing to stand embargo when other producers using coal to make things for export are willing to stand it."

Senator Reed (Mo.), intervened in the discussion at this point to declare that he was seeking "common ground" for the various conflicts before the committee and asked Mr. Morrow whether the provisions of the Calder bill for publicity of production costs, prices, distribution and stocks of coal were objectionable to mine owners.

"If we could be sure," replied Mr. Morrow, "that in consenting to the compulsory demand of the Government for these statistics we would not be admitting interpretations of the Constitution and its principles which would allow the Government to go far beyond that, I think you would have little trouble."

Chairman La Follette switched the examination to bear upon the association itself, and Mr. Morrow cited its annual expenses as about \$300,000, covering some activities which he said in recent years were "abnormal," and his own salary at \$18,000 per annum. All this, Senator La Follette observed, "had to come out of coal production costs."

Senator Reed promptly pointed to officers of the Mine Workers Union attending the hearing, and suggested the miners had "some organization costs to come out of coal, too." Mr. Morrow agreed to both suggestions.

HUGGERS AND PEEPERS SCARE SYRACUSE CO-EDS

Prowlers Make Use of Fire
Escapes.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
SYRACUSE, Jan. 19.—Frightened by a series of depredations by sneak thieves, "Peeping Toms" and "Jack the Huggers," co-eds of Syracuse University have appealed to the police to end the nuisance.

Within the last twenty-four hours three men have been reported prowling around sorority houses. In a number of cases rooms of girls have been ransacked and money and trinkets taken.

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NEGRO ADMITS HE KILLED NAVY NURSE

Mystery Surrounding Death of
Harriet Kavanaugh Cleared
by Confession.

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ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 19.—Confessing that he killed Miss Harriet M. Kavanaugh, naval nurse, last Friday night near the grounds of the naval hospital, where she was stationed, and that his motive was robbery, Henry A. Brown, 19, a negro enlisted man with the rating of mess attendant, has ended the mystery of the woman's death.

The confession followed a rigorous questioning, which began yesterday afternoon. Brown was questioned by relays of detectives and was allowed no

sleep and little food and drink. At about 1 o'clock this afternoon he broke down and told the story in every detail. The confession originally was made to Detectives Hammerla and Bradley of the Baltimore force. It was repeated before the Naval Board of Investigation and put in writing. Brown then signed it and was returned to custody. He probably will be tried before the United States District Court in Baltimore.

Officers of the Department of Justice began the examination and relinquished it in favor of the Baltimore detectives at 2 o'clock this morning. The latter made use of a ruse. Three negro sailors who had been on patrol duty in Annapolis Friday night, were put under arrest and put in the same cell with Brown, being told they were to be punished for not taking up Brown, who was a deserter. They felt that Brown had got them into trouble and took measures which helped to reduce him to a condition where he "came clean."

Brown, who came from Texas, has a bad record in the service. He is a mess attendant and stationed on the Cumberland, which is the school for stewards and mess attendants. He has been in constant trouble, and left without leave December 20.

NEW YORK VILLAGES FEEL EARTH TREMBLE

Dishes Rattle on Shelves in
Lake George Region.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 19.—What are believed by residents to have been earthquake shocks were felt to-day for three minutes at Corinth and Lake George. The first vibrations were felt at Corinth at 5 o'clock, and two hours later shocks were felt at Lake George. Houses were shaken so that dishes rattled on their shelves.

The phenomena first were attributed to the cold, the temperature being 15 degrees below zero here to-day. Later the reports were received from places throughout this section, and the cold theory was abandoned.

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